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The New 640-Acre Bill

Section 1 of the bill provides: That from and after the passage of this act, any person qualified to make homestead entry under the homestead laws may make a stock raising homestead for not exceeding 640 acres of unappropriated unreserved public land in reasonably compact form; provided the lands so entered shall have been designated by the secretary of the interior as "stock-raising lands."

Section 2. The secretary is authorized on application or otherwise to designate lands, the surface of which is chiefly valuable for grazing and raising forage crops or any person qualified to make original or additional entry may apply to have lands designated by filing in the land office a petition, in duplicate, and corroborated, setting forth:

(a) The land is chiefly valuable for grazing and raising forage crops.

(b) Containing no merchantable timber.

(c) Not susceptible of irrigation from any known source of water supply.

(d) That 640 acres are reasonably required for support of a family.

The application to enter must be accompanied by the "regular fees and commissions." The fee is \$10, the commission is 3 percent of \$125 per acre, or for 640 acres \$10 plus \$24 - \$34.

The filing of the application and petition withdraws the land from other disposition pending action by the secretary; however, no right of occupation is secured by the filing of the petition.

Sec. 3 provides: Any qualified homestead entryman may enter 640 acres and in compact form and secure title by compliance the terms of the homestead laws.

A former entryman may file an additional entry, to make a total of 640 acres within twenty miles of the original, but contiguous lands must first be taken; that is:

lands adjoining the original entry. Instead of cultivation the entryman is "required to make Permanent Improvements upon the land before final proof. Tending To increase the value of the land For Stock Raising Purposes of not less than \$1.25 per acre. One-half of such improvements must be placed on the land within three years after date of entry.

Sec. 4 provides: Additional entries allowed when final proof on original is not yet made, residence on the original is credited but the improvements MUST be made on additional entry equal to \$1.25 per each acre.

Sec. 5 provides: Additional entries allowed where final proof has been made and the entryman Own and Reside on the land. Proof of expenditure for permanent improvements upon the additional entry required.

Sec. 6 provides: Where proof for less than 640 acres has been made of similar lands and there are no lands within twenty miles which can be entered and the entryman is living upon and has not sold the land formerly entered and acquired he may relinquish or reconvey the entry to the United States, free of all liens, and enter in lieu 640 acres of land Within The Same Land District as his original entry. But must comply with all the requirements as to residence and expenditure on the new entry.

Sec. 7 provides: That the land cannot be purchased.

Sec. 8 provides: A preference right of 90 days after designation of lands is given entryman to enter lands contiguous to those heretofore entered or owned or occupied by him.

There two or more applications are filed at same time and not land enough for all to have 640 acres, the secretary may make an equitable division.

Where there is only one tract of vacant land adjoining two or more entries or patentees entitled to a preference right, the one who first

files his application gets the land.

Sec. 9: All minerals are reserved to the United States; in other words, the surface rights only are patented, and the surface rights may be subject to restricted uses for mining purposes.

Sec. 10: Lands containing water holes or other bodies of water shall not be designated and the secretary may make regulations for passing over homestead lands for stock to get such waterings.

—Roswell Evening News.

Mr. and Mrs. Gowan are expected home this week from a visit to Mr. Gowan's brothers at Bellview, Texas, Mr. R. F. Gowan having come for them before Christmas.

Rev. L. O. Cunningham returned from Roswell, this week where he purchased a new "Dodge" car.

The teachers as well as many of the scholars who have been away spending the holidays, came in Wednesday night, and the school bell rang out again merrily Thursday morning.

Don't forget the cemetery meeting Saturday Jan. 6, 2:30 p. m.

Messrs. O. H. Greene and C. D. Ham made a trip to Lubbock so we learn.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Gowan were in town Wednesday, and stated they spent a most delightful time with relatives and friends during the holidays at Ft. Worth.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Charles C. Quillin 026544
Department of the Interior U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M. Dec. 27, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Charles C. Quillin of Plainview, N. M. who on Oct. 17, 1912 made Hd. E. Serial No. 026544 for SW 1/4 Section 12 Twp. 14-S R. 36-E N. M. P. M. has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described before N. L. Hibbets U. S. Commissioner in his office at Plainview, N. M. Feb. 5, 1917.

Claimant names as witnesses: William G. Trimble, Thomas H. Tindell, James O. Bigham, James S. Hibbets, all of Plainview, N. M. Emmett Patton, Register, Jan. 5, Feb. 2,

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E. LONG.

Lovington, New Mexico

The Leader was misinformed last week as to the election for Justice of the Peace and Constable being on Tuesday Jan. 9th, and this issue we are requested to state that it will be on next Monday Jan. 8th. All voters requested out.

The subject for next Sunday at the Baptist church will be "The Church Covenant," at 11 o'clock, and at 8:00, "Moses, a Character Study."

L. O. Vermillion, Pastor.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Starling M. Wiggins 030898
Department of the Interior U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M. Dec. 18, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Starling M. Wiggins of Plainview, N. M. who on Feb. 5, 1915 made Hd. E. Serial No. 030898 for S 1/2 Section 25 Twp. 14-S R. 35-E N. M. P. M. has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described before N. L. Hibbets U. S. Commissioner in his office at Plainview, N. M. Jan. 22, 1917.

Claimant names as witnesses: Jason C. Smith, William M. Gardner, George S. Seely, Jesse W. Lipscomb, all of Plainview, N. M. Emmett Patton, Register, Dec. 22, Jan. 19.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

William R. Baker 925187
Department of the Interior U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M. Dec. 2, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that William R. Baker of Midway, N. M. who on Sept. 18, 1911 made Hd. E. Serial No. 025187 for the SE 1/4, S 1/2 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, and NE 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 17 Twp. 16-S R. 38-E N. M. P. M. has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described before Asa B. Morton U. S. Commissioner in his office at Lovington N. M. Jan. 9, 1917.

Claimant names as witnesses: Andrew J. Shropshire, Benjamin H. Forte, John R. Forte, John E. Morton, all of Midway, N. M. Emmett Patton, Register, Dec. 8, Jan. 5,

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Hawkins M. Medlin 025701
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M. Nov. 28, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Hawkins M. Medlin of Lovington, N. M. who on Feb. 12, 1912 made Hd. E. Serial No. 025701 for Lots 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 15 and 16 Sec. 5 Twp. 16-S R. 35-E N. M. P. M. has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described before Asa B. Morton U. S. Commissioner in his office at Lovington, N. M. Jan. 8, 1917.

Claimant names as witnesses: William A. York, Arlando M. Ellis, Thomas W. Green, Elmer Blair, all of Lovington, N. M. Emmett Patton, Register, Dec. 8, Jan. 5.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Levi B. Coggin 025446
Department of the Interior U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M. Dec. 14, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Levi B. Coggin of Plainview, N. M. who on Nov. 29, 1911 made Hd. E. Serial No. 025446 for E 1/2 Sec. 17 Twp. 14-S R. 37-E N. M. P. M. has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described before N. L. Hibbets U. S. Commissioner in his office at Plainview, N. M. Jan. 22, 1917.

Claimant names as witnesses: John J. Lindsey, Finis H. Robbins, these of Sanbro, N. M. Thomas H. Tindell of Plainview, N. M. Joseph M. Beeson, of King, N. M. Emmett Patton Register, Dec. 22, Jan. 19.

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Henry C. King 02714
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M. Dec. 29, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Henry C. King of Stanbro, N. M. who on Apr. 7, 1913 made Hd. E. Serial No. 027141 for W 1/2 Sec. 5 Twp. 14-S R. 37-E N. M. P. M. has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before N. L. Hibbets U. S. Commissioner in his office at Plainview, N. M. Jan. 1917.

Claimant names as witnesses: John R. O'Neal, John S. Lutz these of Plainview, N. M. Joseph T. Wych, William A. Stanbro, these of Stanbro, N. M. Emmett Patton, Register, Dec. 8, Jan. 5,

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Cecil E. Kindel 0281
Department of the Interior U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M. Dec. 5, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Cecil E. Kindel of Lovington, N. M. who on Jan. 9, 1914 made Hd. E. Serial No. 028121 for SE 1/4 Sec. 11 Twp. 15-S R. 35-E N. M. P. M. has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described before Asa B. Morton U. S. Commissioner in his office at Lovington, N. M. Jan. 15, 1917.

Claimant names as witnesses: Charlie Fairweather, James L. William F. Collins, Andrew Patton, all of Lovington, N. M. Emmett Patton Register, Dec. 15, Jan. 12,

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